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SUBJECT: CANADIAN ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER DUBOIS

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(A) AND (D).

1. (C) AMBASSADOR NICHOLSON ATTENDED DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR OF CANADA, WILFRED GUY LICARI, IHO OF CANADIAN ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER PAUL DUBOIS ON NOVEMBER 5. DUBOIS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT IT WAS VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT WHEN PRESIDENT BUSH SPOKE TO CONGRESS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACK, HE FAILED TO MENTION CANADA AMONG THOSE NATIONS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. (C) COMMENT: DUBOIS STRESSED THAT CANADA IS FULLY BEHIND U.S. EFFORTS TO DESTROY TERRORISM, BUT DID WANT TO MAKE THE POINT THAT FAILING TO MENTION CANADA AS AN IMPORTANT PARTNER WAS AN OVERSIGHT WHICH WAS VIEWED AS A MAJOR SLIGHT. NICHOLSON

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